

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Claim 4. (Amended) The composition according to Claim 1, further comprising at least one deodorant.

Claim 5. (Amended) The composition according to Claim 1, wherein said keratolytic and cerumenilytic cleaning agent is lactic acid, salicylic acid or a mixture thereof.

Claim 6. (Amended) The composition according to Claim 1, wherein said bactericide agent is a *Cetraria islandica* extract.

Claim 7. (Amended) The composition according to Claim 1, wherein said yeast control agent is lactic acid, salicylic acid or a mixture thereof.

Claim 8. (Amended) The composition according to Claim 1, wherein said anti-irritant and anti-pruriginous agent is a *Cucumis sativus* vegetable extract.

Claim 9. (Amended) The composition according to Claim 2, wherein said agent that enhances the cerumenilytic properties of said composition is oleic acid.

Claim 10. (Amended) The composition according to Claim 3, wherein said vegetable extract is a *Mimosa tenuiflora* extract, *Cetraria islandica* extract, *Camomilla recutita* extract or a mixture thereof.

Claim 11. (Amended) The composition according to Claim 4, wherein said deodorant is a *Cetraria islandica* extract.

Claim 12. (Amended) The composition according to Claim 1, wherein said composition comprises between 65 and 80% by weight of propylene glycol, butylene glycol or a mixture thereof; between 10 and 15% by weight of polyethylene glycol 400; between 2 and 10% by weight of ethoxydiglycol; between 1 and 5% by weight of de-ionised water; between 2 and 5% by weight of

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~~Claim 14. (Amended) A single dose pharmaceutical product useful as a veterinary otic drug comprising the composition according to Claim 1.~~

~~-- Claim 15. A method for preventing otitis in a veterinary animal comprising administering to the ear of a veterinary animal, the composition according to Claim 1.~~

Please replace the present Abstract with the attached substitute Abstract.

The claims have been amended to remove improper multiple dependency, and to place the same in conformance with U.S. patent practice. The Abstract is being replaced in order to conform with U.S. patent practice. Hence, the amendments to the claims and the replacement of the Abstract do not constitute new matter, and thus entry is respectfully requested.